

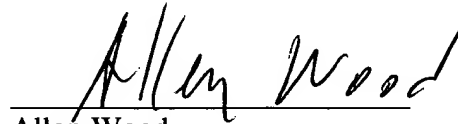
REMARKS

The Office Action of January 21, 2004 has been received, and the allowance of claims 1-9 has been noted with satisfaction.

In order to secure a patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment cancels rejected claim 10. As a result, this application now contains only allowed claims.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application itself is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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